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SUBJ: GREEK POLITICAL LEADERS ALL COMMENT ON FIRST
ANNIVERSARY OF JULY 15 COUP AGAINST MAKARIOS

1. SUMMARY: OBSERVANCE OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
JULY 15, 1974 COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT MAKARIOS ELICITED
STATEMENTS FROM PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, OPPOSITION
LEADER GEORGE MAVROS (CU/NF) ANDREAS PAPANDREOU (PASOK),
AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY-INTERIOR (KKE-INTERIOR).
CARAMANLIS SAID THE PRESENT SITUATION POSES GREAT DANGER
FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND THAT THOSE OUTSIDE OF
HELLENISM MUST REALIZE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE
CONTINUATION OF THE CYPRUS TRAGEDY. MAVROS CALLED FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS ADDING THAT THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ANKARA AND ATHENS. PAPANDREOU CHARGED THAT LAST YEAR'S
COUP HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT THE JUNTA UNDER THE GUIDANCE
OF THE CIA AND THE PENTAGON. HE APPEALED TO THE GOG
TO CHANGE ITS POLICY BY ABOLISHING THE BILATERAL TALKS
AND PROCEEDING TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE ISSUE. THE KKE-
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INTERIOR ALSO CALLED FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE

CYPRUS QUESTION AND ATTACKED THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. ATHENS NEWS MEDIA GAVE PRIORITY COVERAGE ON JULY 15 TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE PERMIER AND OPPOSITION LEADERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUP AGAINST MAKARIOS IN CYPRUS. OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION ARE A MEETING SPONSORED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST MOVEMENT OF GREECE (EKKE) AT THE ATHENS UNIVERSITY ON JULY 15 AND A PUBLIC RALLY AT MARS PARK ON JULY 17. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT PROCLAIMED THAT JULY 15 IS AN ILL-OMENED DAY FOR HELLENSIM. HE CONTINUED THAT MOURNING IS NOT ENOUGH; IT IS IMPERATIVE TO DRAW THE NECESSARY LESSONS FROM THIS CALAMITY. CARAMANLIS ADDED THAT IT IS ALSO IMPERATIVE FOR THOSE OUTSIDE HELLENISM TO BECOME CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE CYPRUS TRAGEDY. "THE MAINTENANCE OF A SITUATION THAT IS BASED SOLELY ON ARMED FORCE CONSTITUTES A GREAT DANGER FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE IN AN INFLAMMABLE AREA. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO SHUT THEIR EYES WILLFULLY IN THE FACE OF THIS DANGER DOES NOT DECREASE BUT RATHER INCREASES WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME."

3. GEORGE MAVROS (CU/NF) CALLED THE ANNIVERSARY DAY OF SHAME. HE DIPECTED THE CYPRUS COUP AS AN INSANE ACT WHICH LED DIRECTLY TO THE PRESENT TRAGEDY OF CYPRUS. HE LABELLED THE ATILA PLAN AS A "SMEAR ON MODERN CIVILIZATION". HE ASSERTED THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS NOT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANKARA AND ATHENS, AND COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. "IT IS AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE OF TREMENDOUS MORAL AND POLITICAL DIMENSION WHICH WOULD BE SOLVED ONLY BY APPLYING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY." (MAVROS DEPARTS ON SATURDAY FOR NICOSIA TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING THERE ON JULY 20.)

4. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU'S (PASOK) STATEMENT CHARACTERISTICALLY ATTRIBUTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COUP ON THE CIA AND THE PENTAGON. HE NOTED THAT A YEAR AFTER THE TURKISH
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INVASION, OCCUPATION FORCES STILL REMAINED THERE AS THEY CHANGED CYPRUS INTO A FORTRESS TO SERVE THE U.S. AND NATO EXPANSIONIST PLANS. "AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS TO MONITOR COMMUNICATIONS ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE HAD ALREADY BEEN SET UP IN THE TURKISH SECTOR AND THE BRITISH BASES." PAPANDREOU CONTINUED THAT THE UN RESOLUTIONS REMAINED WISHFUL THINKING AND THE WALDHEIM-SPONSORED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WERE A SMOKESCREEN TO ALLOW MORE FAITS ACCOMPLIS ON TURKEY'S PART. PAPANDREOU SCORED THE GOG'S

POLICY WHICH HE CLAIMED HAD YIELDED TO AMERICAN PRESSURE AND ACCEPTED THE GREEK-TURKISH DIALOGUE AND THE MEDIATION OF THE DESTROYER OF CYPRUS, SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO SET ASIDE THE BILATERAL TALKS AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND TO PROCEED AT ONCE WITH INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE ISSUE, AND TO DECLARING THAT IT WOULD NEVER LEGALIZE PARTITION.

5. THE KKE-INTERIOR STATEMENT REFERRED TO THE TRAITOROUS COUP AND THE TRAGEDY OF CYPRUS WHICH FOLLOWED AND WHICH WAS THE FINAL CRIMINAL ACT OF THE JUNTA. IT CALLED FOR PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. THE KKE-INTERIOR ALSO CALLED FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION TO FORCE THE TURKISH INVADERS AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS, WHO WANT THE ISLAND AS AN AGGRESSIVE BASE, TO ADHERE TO UNGA AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS.

6. COMMENT: CARAMANLIS' STRESS ON THE TRAGIC NATURE OF THE JULY 15 COUP SETS A SUBDUED TONE BY THE GOG FOR THIS YEAR'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE OF THE COUP. OFFICIAL PERMISSION WAS NOT GRANTED TO THE HOLDING OF A MASS RALLY IN CONSTITUTION SQUARE ON JULY 15 AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED (ATHENS 5273). A PUBLIC RALLY WILL BE HELD INSTEAD ON JULY 17 AT MARS PARK, AWAY FROM THE MAIN DOWNTOWN AREA OF ATHENS.
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